

Crete Park District
Board of Commissioners
Minutes – Sept 21, 2017

Roll Call: Roll Call: Mike Smith, Jen Smith, Carrie Sharma, Linda Johnson and Laura Stawicki
Others Present: Director Patricia Polzin, Secretary/Treasurer/Finance & Marketing Supt. Therese Hale, Recreation Supt. Janel Geary, Maintenance Supt Andy Biesterfeld, Office Manager Amy Madsen

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Recognition of Visitors: John Pascarella and Steve Bruns addressed the board about the hillside to the north of the parking lot behind WWPC. John is a master gardener and will work with Steve to get rid of the invasive plants that have grown there and then wait to see what plants will come up in the spring. President Johnson thanked them for their service.

J. Smith moved and M. Smith seconded a motion to approve the Minutes from Aug 16 and 30, 2017. All Commissioners present voted aye.

M. Smith moved and J. Smith seconded a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Payroll and Additional Bills as presented. Questions were answered and on a roll call vote, all Commissioners present voted aye.

Secretary's Report: As Presented. Next meeting is Oct 18 at 7 PM.

Recreation Report: J. Smith asked about the progress of the swimming program at GSU. Geary said she found a water aerobics instructor and we are still looking for lifeguards and swim instructors.

Maintenance Report: The tennis court back boards have been well received.

Long Range Report: Polzin, Hale and Commissioners Sharma toured the Steger Community center to see room sizes and use. Director Polzin presented a slide show about 690 Exchange. Biesterfeld, Madsen and Geary spoke about the benefits of 690 and the reason to invest in the future of the District. President Johnson asked about the income at Main Street. Geary reported the place is booked from 2 – 8 PM during the week and on Saturdays. We also have special events there periodically. Staff also discussed the uses of WWPC that we couldn't do prior to owning Main St. President Johnson said the board recognizes the staffs need to grow and commented the staff has been extremely patient in finding the best choice for the District. J Smith sees a lot of work went into this plan, Stawicki felt the staff came through with the information needed to make a decision and Sharma was excited to see the long-term plan.

Personnel/Finance: Hale reported the State of IL website for the Annual Financial Report has been down. The report will be complete next month.

Attorney's Report: Director Polzin presented information that the government lessened requirements regarding sex offenders and background checks. Johnson asked the paperwork be forwarded to the Commissioners.

Directors Report: A letter to the township was presented. Director Polzin asked Commissioners to volunteer for Acorn Fest this weekend. Woodstock was a great event, full of good humor and a local family was helped in the process. Oct 14th is Community Clean Up Day with the Crete Police Dept. IAPD conference will be held Jan 18 – 20. Polzin asked that Commissioners let her know who plans to attend.

Presidents Report:

Old Business: Potential Acquisition of 690 Exchange St was tabled.

New Business: Polzin presented Nutty as the winner of the squirrel naming contest.

J. Smith moved and Stawicki seconded a motion to move to Executive Session at 8:40 PM for the purpose of Section 2©(5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. Section 2©7 for the sale or purchase of securities, investments or investment contracts. On a roll call vote all Commissioners voted yes.

J. Smith moved and Stawicki seconded a motion to return from Executive Session and open regular session at 9:40 PM. All Commissioners present voted aye.

Sharma motioned to have staff instruct Attorney to prepare an offer and contract for purchase of 690 W Exchange St in Crete. J. Smith seconded. On a roll call vote, Sharma, Stawicki, J. Smith and Johnson voted yes, M. Smith voted no. Motion carried.

J. Smith moved and Stawicki seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 PM. All Commissioners present voted aye.